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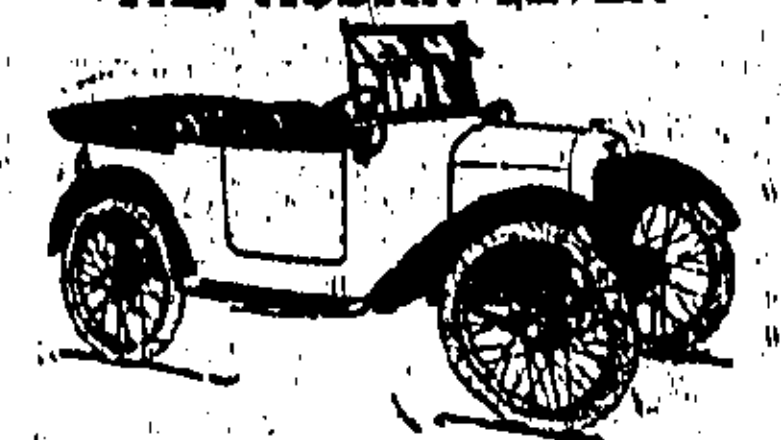
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## IRISH PROBLEM.

### BILL RECTIFYING TREATY.

SPEECH BY MR. THOMAS IN COMMONS.

APPEAL TO SECTIONS OF PRESS.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, August 6.  
Mr. J. H. Thomas (Minister for the Colonies) announced, in the House of Commons today, that, after the fullest and frankest discussion with the South Irish Government, he had decided to ask Parliament to meet on September 30, unless in the meantime the North Irish Government nominated a boundary commissioner.

The Bill, rectifying the Treaty, is being introduced today, Mr. Thomas added, and will be pressed forward.

### PRESIDENT COSGRAVE'S LETTER.

Mr. Thomas continued that President Cosgrave had written to Mr. MacDonal, on August 4, stating that, after the fullest consultation with his colleagues, he must urge upon the British Government the necessity of passing a Bill, rectifying the Treaty, before Parliament adjourned and finally remove the grave doubts and suspicions aroused in the minds of the Irish people by the long delay in appointing a Boundary Commission.

Mr. MacDonal felt it impossible to call on Parliament at the end of the session to consider legislation. It would be certain to be seriously opposed, not merely in the House of Commons but in the Lords, without allowing time for reflection. Therefore, Mr. Thomas and himself (Mr. Thomas) had gone to Dublin. They had had the fullest and frankest discussion with President Cosgrave and his colleagues. As a result, Government had decided to ask Parliament to meet on September 30 instead of October 31. The Government, on September 30, would move the second reading of the Bill; thereafter they would use all their powers to pass it into law.

### BRITISH TO KEEP FAITH.

Mr. Thomas did not pretend that the Free State Government was satisfied. He hoped, at least, they would be able to satisfy the Irish people that the British Government and people meant to keep faith.

The Government most earnestly hoped that the North Irish Government, before September 30, would appoint a representative on the commission; and thus render further progress with the Bill unnecessary.

"Let there be no mistake, the issues are grave, involving the honour and good-faith of Britain; they are too serious to be the sport of party controversy," said Mr. Thomas, amid cheers and countercheers. He hoped, therefore, the Press and people would refrain from action calculated to inflame old prejudices.

Mr. Thomas then formally introduced the Irish Free State Confirmation Agreement Bill, which was read the first time.

### HEATED DISCUSSION.

Heat immediately generated in the ensuing discussion. Sir John Simon asked a series of questions about the advice Mr. Thomas had given the North Irish Government. The Speaker evoked opposition, cheers by saying Sir John Simon's questions sounded like argument. A Conservative member interjected "unfair" just like them. Mr. Ronald MacNeill, referring to Mr. Thomas' appeal to the press, asked if Mr. Thomas expected complete silence for the next two months.

In reply, Mr. Thomas emphasised his deep indebtedness to the Free State Government's appreciation of the difficulties; therefore, he was entitled to ask sections of the press, which had blazingly announced the imminent proclamation of the Irish Republic, to refrain from encouraging not merely the enemies of the Free State but the enemies of the Empire.

The Speaker disallowed further questions.

## HOME CRICKET.

### SURREY v. SOUTH AFRICANS.

LONDON, August 6.

At the Oval, the match between Surrey and the South Africans began in fine weather, on an easy wicket, and before 4,000 spectators.

Surrey had first knock and made 300 to which Sandham contributed 51, P. G. H. Fender 56 and Shepherd 127. The last named batted 3 hours and 55 minutes and hit 18 fours.

Nourse took 3 wickets for 27 and Blanckenborg 3 for 37.

When stumps were drawn the South Africans had made 44 for the loss of 2 wickets.

### BRITISH RUGGER TOUR.

### VISITORS' FIRST DEFEAT.

(Reuter's Service.)

KRONSTAD, August 6.

The Orange Free State Country Districts' team defeated the British rugby fifteen here to-day. The score was 6 points to nil.

[This is the first defeat of the visitors during the tour.]

### B. N. B. CO.

### CRITICISM DEFEATED.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, August 6.  
Criticism levelled at the directors of the British North Borneo Chartered Company at a meeting for the re-election of a retiring director was defeated by a majority of two.

### INDIAN FLOODS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Madras, August 6.

While official reports of floods in Southern India are still incomplete they record a hundred deaths and fifty thousand houses destroyed in Malabar. A severe outbreak of cholera has occurred in Travancore.

### THE EVANS RANCH.

(Reuter's Service.)

San Francisco, August 6.

Mrs. Pettus, the wife of the chief surgeon of the San Francisco Marine Hospital, and sister of Mrs. Evans, is planned to take over and defend the possession of the latter's ranch in Mexico.

## BRITAIN AND SOVIET.

### SETTLEMENT FINALLY REACHED.

OPPOSITION IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

DEBATE IS ADJOURNED.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, August 6.

Mr. Ponsonby (Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs) was greeted with ministerial cheers in the House of Commons when he rose and announced that a settlement had been reached with the Russians this afternoon.

### FIRST INTIMATION.

First intimation of the settlement was made by Mr. J. R. Clynes apologising for Mr. Ponsonby's inability to make his promised statement at the moment, because of the modifications necessary owing to the fact that the Russians signed at the last moment. Subsequently Mr. Ponsonby, in announcing the agreement, stated that the commercial treaty and the general treaty involved an unusual departure. The commercial treaty was that we took account of the Soviet's monopoly of foreign trade and granted to a limited number of trade delegations diplomatic immunity for themselves and for the existing office of the Trade Delegation.

### DEBTS AND CLAIMS.

Mr. Ponsonby said the debts and claims occupied the chief place in the negotiations. We were faced with the Soviet decrees of repudiation and nationalisation while we were determined the legitimate rights of British citizens should be recognised.

The general treaty contained Soviet admission of liability to bond-holders and assurance the Soviets would negotiate with the bond-holders (Loud Opposition laughter). Mr. Ponsonby said he believed they were in the process of negotiating with a very considerable number.

The commercial treaty conferred on Britain the most favoured nation treatment in return for which Britain admitted Russia into the export credit scheme. Mr. Ponsonby, dealing with the general treaty, stated both sides would appoint members to a Commission, which would investigate property claims and deal with the question of compensation.

When the bond-holders were satisfied and the British Government were satisfied regarding the lump sums for miscellaneous claims, and when there was an agreed settlement regarding the property claims, these agreements would be embodied in a subsequent Treaty. Arising from this Treaty Government would submit to Parliament a proposal, guaranteeing a loan to the Soviets; meanwhile both Government debts and intervention claims would be put in cold storage. Mr. Thomas hoped the Treaty would be signed to-morrow.

### TRIBUTE TO RAKOWSKY.

The question of definition of territorial waters must be left for international settlement, but we had secured a satisfactory fisheries agreement.

Mr. Ponsonby paid tribute to Mr. Rakowsky's intense wish to reach a settlement. He declared the Government had not attempted to reach a settlement in figures, but to establish machinery in view of reaching the necessary settlement. He declared the settlement was an instance of Government's international policy to avoid acrimonious discussion on petty points and seek settlement on broad lines, based on conciliation and co-operation to convince European peoples that Governments are at last using their power to establish peace and brotherhood.

### OPPOSITION WAXES IRONICAL.

Speeches, during the Russian debate, were most ironical.

Mr. Ronald McNeill congratulated Mr. Ponsonby that four months' onerous negotiations had resulted in the information that the Soviets and the bond-holders had agreed to negotiate. He said the whole thing was an utter farce and the promise to guarantee a loan was a scandal.

Mr. Lloyd George complained at the lack of information. He twitted Mr. Ponsonby because he was going to sign to-morrow something of which he had not the ghost of an idea. To-night he asked how much we were going to write down our debts; to what extent we proposed to guarantee the loan. He declared the Liberals would oppose the proposal to guarantee a loan which we would not grant any of the other allies.

The debate was adjourned until to-morrow on pressure of the Opposition, who contended that the debate showed the House was opposed to an agreement which ought not to be signed until the House had seen the text.

## GERMANY AND ALLIES.

### SITUATION CONSIDERED ENCOURAGING.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, August 6.

The Allied Council, of fourteen members, has considered the report of the conversations between the Germans and the Allies with reference to the German memorandum.

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Unauthorized strikes were de-  
nounced at Manchester by Mr. J. R.  
Clynes, Lord Privy Seal, after he  
had opened the White Holiday  
Camp for children.

Although, he said, the position  
caused by the strike on the London  
Underground railways was  
serious, it was not beyond repair.

We should not forget that  
innumerable disputes are settled  
every day by negotiation.

The worst industrial troubles  
this year have been due to the  
irresponsible conduct of only a  
small minority of disappointed  
men, who, happily, are impotent as  
regards the main body of wage-  
earners.

## CONFUSING ADVENTURES.

Surprise strikes, designed by  
their suddenness either to terrorise  
employers or to inconvenience the  
public, soon developed into con-  
fusing and disruptive adventures  
in which the arguments on real  
grivances were completely lost.

The public becomes bewildered  
and the substance of workmen's  
claims is submerged by the  
methods employed to advance  
them. Public sympathy is alienated,  
and attention is concentrated  
not upon the demands of workmen  
but upon the grievances of a  
suffering public.

Nothing could be gained by  
disloyalty to trade union organiza-  
tion or by flagrant affronts to skill-  
ed and trusted leaders. Methods  
of collective bargaining which it  
took generations to establish were  
endangered by reckless and in-  
experienced men, whose continued  
failure should now be sufficient to  
warn all wage-earners against  
following their advice in the  
future.

If the workmen had learned from  
what had occurred, employers, too,  
said Mr. Clynes, should understand  
that a great contributory cause to  
trouble was undue delay in arrang-  
ing to settle, within reasonable  
time, issues raised between em-  
ployers and employed. Avoidable  
delay was inevitably an effective  
excuse to men who were ready to  
make mischief.

Asserting that the Government's  
action in the strike needed no  
defence, Mr. Clynes said: We  
have behaved with a watchful  
regard for the public well-being,  
and have kept in mind the obliga-  
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## ODDS AND ENDS.

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## White Bread Danger.

Doctors interviewed by the

"Daily Mail" are emphatic in

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the white roller-milled flour, which

is the chief food of the people.

Sir Arthur Lane, the surgeon,

pointed out that by lowering our re-

sistance to disease the use of white

bread favours the onset of cancer.

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butes labour unrest largely to mal-

nutrition, the result of feeding on

bread which is entirely starch, de-

prived by the roller-mills of its

readily nutrient constituent, the

germ. "A man eating this starch

bread," he said, "is ill-nourished

and becomes discontented; his

wife and children suffer in the

same way, and the conditions in

the home are not very happy.

"The workers suffer most, and we

should have some legislative action

for their protection." Addressing

the executive of the East York-

shire Farmers' Union at Hull on

July 2, Mr. Alfred Bristow, of

Tockington near York, suggested

that greater encouragement should

be given to bakers to use whole-

meal flour, and at all agricultural

shows prizes should be given only

for bread made with pure English

flour.

M. de Bloewitz Chance.

The anonymous author of "Fifty

Years of London Society" has just

published a further book of re-

miniscences, "The Light of Other

Days" (Nash and Grayson, 10s.

6d.). In it he gives an amusing

account of how M. de Bloewitz,

the famous "Times" correspon-

dent, started his journalistic

career. "Early in 1871, M. de

Bloewitz was shown a copy of the

"Times" at a friend's house and

was dumfounded at its size. "A

friend of mine," he remarked,

"told me I ought to write for a

roomy daily paper. I think this

would satisfy him. Next day

Bloewitz went to see President

Thiers, an intimate personal

friend, who had no idea of his

visitor's journalistic aspirations.

Bloewitz writes something of what

the President had told him, and

handed the copy to his friend, the

special correspondent of the

"Times," who sent it to London.

The following day all the Paris

papers were full of the statement

made by the President. M.

Thiers was naturally greatly sur-

prised and asked Bloewitz how it

had happened that the result of so

private a conversation had become

the property of the Press.

Bloewitz immediately

confessed the truth. It was a dramatic

surprise to M. Thiers, who im-

mediately saw the power he would

gain by thus placing his ideas

before the public mind. M. de

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accident started a career which was

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thing about them is their eyes.

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side the head, and on the very top

of these the eyes glare endlessly

upwards. Should the fish wish to

see anything right in front of him

he has to do a queer abrupt nos-

dive so as to bring his eyes to the

right-ahead position. The rest of

the body is fairly normal save for

the tail—or rather tails, for there

are two of them, which wave in the

water like a woman's veil in a

gentle breeze. "Veil-tail," in

fact, is one of the names given to

these appendages. These "Star-

gazers" come from China, and

when they were first exported the

theory was advanced that the

strange eyes were the result of a

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to the parental type, so the thing

has to be accepted as a family

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DAY, the 20th August, when  
Dividend Warrants may be  
obtained upon application at the  
offices of the Company.

The Share Registers of the  
Company will be closed from  
Wednesday, 6th August, to  
Tuesday, 19th August, 1924, both  
days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
W. E. ROBERTS,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 21st July, 1924.

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Forty Cents (\$0.40) per share on  
the Old Shares (Fully Paid), Thirty  
Cents (\$0.30) per share on  
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(\$0.06) per share on the New  
Shares (1924 Issue) upon which  
\$2.50 per share was paid up on the  
15th March, 1924.

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Company will be closed from the 8th  
to 22nd August (both days in-  
clusive).

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on the Old Shares (Fully Paid),  
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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

## NOTICE.

**AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL  
MEETING** of the Club will be  
held in the Board Room of Messrs.  
Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on  
THURSDAY, August 14th, 1924, at  
5.30 p.m. for the purpose of  
confirming the resolutions passed at  
an Extraordinary General Meeting  
held on 22nd July, 1924.

By Order,  
C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 6th August, 1924.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

## NOTICE.

**A SECOND EXTRAORDINARY  
GENERAL MEETING** of the  
Club will be held in the Board  
Room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson  
& Co., Ltd. on THURSDAY 14th  
August 1924 immediately after the  
conclusion of the first Extraordinary  
General Meeting.

This Meeting is called on the  
following requisition—  
28th July, 1924.

To the Stewards of the Hongkong  
Jockey Club, Hongkong.

In accordance with Rule 52, We  
the undersigned Voting Members of  
the Hongkong Jockey Club, request  
you to convene two Extraordinary  
General Meetings of the Club, for the  
purpose of considering, and if  
thought fit, passing in accordance  
with Articles 53) as a Special  
Resolution, the following Reso-  
lution—

That the first and second  
paragraph of Rule 39 be struck  
out, and in lieu thereof the follow-  
ing new paragraph substituted—  
"The Entrance Fee for all  
newly elected Ordinary Mem-  
bers, as well as for Naval and  
Military Officers on the Active  
List, shall be \$10—and the  
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## MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND  
NEAR.

It is semi-officially denied in  
Rome that Italy has formally  
refused to recognise the Tangier  
Convention.

Four military aeroplanes ordered  
by the Spanish Government in  
France have just been delivered.

Mr. Leslie Gordon has been  
appointed town clerk of St.  
Marylebone in succession to Mr.  
James Wilson, who retires in  
September.

Mr. Harry Gosling, Minister of  
Transport, paid a visit to the  
British War Cemeteries in France  
and Belgium during the week-end.

A first edition of Isaac Wal-  
ton's "Complete Angler" (1653)  
realised £23 at Puttick and  
Simpson's, Leicester-square, W.C.

A Worcester dessert service, by  
R. Barr and Barr, painted  
with Chinese figures, realised  
£135 10s. at Christie's, King-street,  
S.W.

Established more than 800 years  
ago and held annually ever since,  
Stow Green (Lincolnshire) horse  
and wool fair was held near  
Billingborough.

Among the Canadian Blesley  
team, 20 strong, which has arrived  
at Liverpool is Sergt. F. Ho Lem,  
a Chinese born in Canada, who is  
a University graduate and  
member of the Canadian Army.

Although it was built more than  
a century ago, the Primitive  
Methodist Chapel at Castleton,  
Derbyshire, had not had a wed-  
ding solemnised in it until last  
month.

Professor A. S. Edington,  
Plumian Professor of Astronomy,  
Cambridge University, was pre-  
sented with the gold medal of the  
Royal Astronomical Society.

Mr. J. B. Lett who has been  
organist of Lichfield Cathedral for  
43 years has resigned owing to  
ill-health. During the past 117  
years the cathedral has had only  
three organists.

Mr. Henry Whorlow, secretary  
of the Press Association from 1880  
to 1909 and secretary of the  
Newspaper Society for a longer  
period, died at Ealing in his  
77th year.

Five hundred French deserters  
living in Geneva since the war  
have decided to return to France.  
In view of the likelihood of an  
amnesty if a Socialist Government  
comes into office.

The Council of the League of  
Nations decided at Geneva that  
International Labour Office should  
deal with the future settlement of  
Russian, Greek, and Armenian  
refugees.

Shouting "Good-bye" to a  
friend, George Bones, an ex-  
soldier, threw himself from the  
tower of Worthingford Church,  
near Colchester. A verdict of  
Suicide was returned at the  
inquest.

Lord Forster, who declined  
the freedom of Perth, his native  
city, has given £10,000 to the fund  
for the restoration of the ancient  
church of St. John's, Perth, as a  
Perthshire war memorial.

Surrey County Council decided  
to erect a sanatorium for the  
treatment of 200 patients suffering  
from tuberculosis at Milford at a  
cost of £30,000. The Ministry of  
Health will make a grant of  
£31,000.

Mr. Lloyd George, unavailing  
the Pwllheli (North Wales) war  
memorial said that when the call  
came there was a larger proportion  
of volunteers from Wales than  
from any other country in the  
Empire.

Sir Walter Congreve, V.C., the  
new Governor of Malta, left Lon-  
don in the British India Com-  
pany's motor-vessel "Dumana."

Sir Leslie Scott states that he  
will not be one of the new judges  
which the Government is said to  
be contemplating appointing.

For murdering Corporal Ryan,  
of the Royal Air Force, at Cairo  
on April 18, an Egyptian student  
was sentenced at Cairo to 15  
years' hard labour, and his alleged  
accomplice was discharged.

A richly coloured alarpiece and  
lunette by Francesco Zaganelli da  
Cotignola has been added to the  
collection of Italian alarpieces at  
the National Gallery, Trafalgar-  
square, and is on now view in  
room 16.

The Anchorliner "Cameronia,"  
which was to have sailed with  
1,600 passengers from Glasgow,  
will carry only 65 owing to the  
intending emigrants being unable  
to obtain the necessary visas from  
the United States Consul at  
Glasgow.

## CAMP LIFE.

HINTS TO OUR BOY SCOUTS.

The following article, written by  
William Holt-Jackson, for the  
"Weekly Scotsman," should prove  
of interest to our Boy Scouts and  
others who camp out during the  
holidays. We read:

The motto during the first few  
hours in camp should be "Give  
little time to personal things until  
camp labour is done." Immediately  
after arriving at the pitch there  
are a hundred and one jobs that  
need attention.

"First pitch the tents—these  
should be doited about fifty yards  
apart, if space permits, and de-  
pending of course upon the size of  
the camp. There should always  
be plenty of room in each tent.  
It must be remembered that sleep  
is just as necessary as food, and  
overcrowding must never be  
permitted.

For beds, hay is not advisable  
as it becomes sodden and solid,  
and it is not comfortable unless  
crisp and dry. Soft broken and  
heather make a fairly comfortable  
bed, but oat-straw is best. Rather  
than spread this straw loose over  
the ground-sheet, let each have a  
palliasse—an ordinary clean sack  
will serve the purpose—and fill  
it with straw. It will add both  
to the comfort and rigidity of the  
camp. For a pillow, a pillow slip  
or a small bag may be filled with  
straw or heather, but anything  
from a pair of boots to a spare  
coat has been used before now to  
save the expense of an cushion.

If the tent be your own property  
screw a few hooks into the ten-  
pole for hanging up coats and  
spare clothing. If the tent is hired  
property, there is on the market  
several hooks, and this can be  
buckled to the tent pole.

DOMESTIC ARRANGEMENTS.  
While the tents are being fixed  
up, the building of the fireplace,  
ovens and latrines, can be in  
progress; at the same time one  
member of the party can be fetch-  
ing water, another fuel. All these  
items need immediate attention.  
The kitchen should be built to the  
windward of the tents, and it is  
well to have it roped off.

The most useful fire is a "trench-  
fire." A trench about three feet  
in length and nine inches wide is  
dug, and over this is put a fire-bar.  
The latter can be made with two  
strips of iron with two cross pieces.  
The fire is made in the trench and  
the dikes are put on the fire-bar.  
A portable boiler is useful when  
the camp is a large one. Plenty  
of hot water is then available and  
helps in cooking potatoes and  
vegetables.

Campers should see that the food  
store is by itself and well protected  
from air and sunshine, and most  
particularly flies. All rubbish that  
can be burnt must be cremated, that  
which will not burn must be buried  
at once. A rubbish pit should  
be dug near to the fire.

The latrines need considerable  
attention and accommodation must  
be provided in accordance with the  
size of the camp. They must be  
built to the windward of and well  
away from the tents, screened with  
canvas and out of any public  
thoroughfare, preferably near a  
group of trees towards which a  
deep trench should be dug as a  
drain. A handy man with strong  
boxes can provide the requisite  
structure.

All latrines must be filled in and  
re-dug daily and chloride of lime  
should be in frequent use. At the  
end of the camp pits and trenches  
should be levelled up.

HEALTH PRECAUTIONS.  
Providing proper precautions are  
taken to ensure a supply of good  
water, well-cooked food in clean  
utensils, the health of the campers  
need give little trouble or anxiety.  
Of course minor accidents will  
always happen, such as burns,  
bruises, and cuts. And for these,  
such things as iodoform, oil, a good  
ointment and a Condy's fluid should  
have a place in all camp kits.

Every fine morning after the  
dispersion of the dew, take the  
blankets and all palliasses out of  
the tents and lay them down in the  
sun to air. Then brace up the  
valences and allow the fresh air to  
blow through the tents. Also take  
care that no food is eaten inside  
the tents—they are provided for  
sleeping—unless during wet  
weather, when it is unavoidable.

For each tent there should be a  
pail of water for drinking purposes,  
and this pail must have a cover.  
Perfectly pure water is never found  
in nature no matter how pure and  
sparkling it may seem. Even rain  
water before it reaches the ground  
is impure. Distilled water is practi-  
cally pure, but it is seldom used  
for drinking purposes, except per-  
haps on board ship, as it is insipid.

When very thirsty there is a  
great temptation to drink from  
streams and ponds, and even from  
ditches. However, it is best to  
leave such water alone no matter  
how "dry" you are. There is no  
such thing as an effective portable  
filter.

The only way to render water  
safe for drinking purposes, is to  
boil it. Whether the water comes  
from a pump, stream, or spring, if  
there is the least doubt as to its  
purity, boil it for ten minutes, or  
you run risk of illness.

The medicine chest when going  
into camp ought to contain, among  
other things, the following—Lime,  
cotton wool, ammonia, plenty of  
boric powder and vaseline, scissors,  
needles, safety pins, and grey  
thread.

Keep your head cool, your feet  
warm, and your stomach in good  
order, is the golden rule for the  
prevention of sickness.

There are many kinds of tents  
and each has its use. Whether  
you have a bell tent, a patrol tent,  
or some other type, depends  
entirely upon the kind of camp  
and its size. Whichever you  
select, be sure that it is fitted with  
proper ventilators. Have plenty  
of ventilation, and it will repay  
you a hundredfold. The at-  
mosphere inside a tent must be  
sweet for health and comfort.  
Get used to an open tent, one  
where the entrance flaps hang,  
especially at night, when fresh air  
is of the greatest importance to  
sound and refreshing sleep.

All tents should have ground  
flaps which turn under and in-  
wards at the sides, whereupon to  
place the ground-sheet, and thus  
ensure freedom from draughts.  
For many reasons start with a good  
rainproof tent. Also make cer-  
tain that the water-proofing on the  
ground-sheets is not worn through  
or cracked. Protection from the  
damp is most essential, and  
everyone should realise that the  
heat of the body is apt to draw  
moisture from the ground.

The best-known tents and pro-  
bably those most used, are the Bell  
and Patrol tents.

Patrol Tent.—Of the Patrol tents  
there are many varieties, though  
most of them differ only in a small  
degree and very little in size and  
shape. The type with the double  
roof is by far the most satisfactory;  
the "fly-sheet" is a great advan-  
tage during wet weather, as it is  
very difficult to prevent touching  
the canvas. On a tramping tour  
for two or three persons, this tent  
will be found most useful and  
portable. When pitching, care  
must be taken to get the ridge  
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space within, the tent is obtainable  
at a fairly moderate price, and this  
is worth consideration. It is strong  
and well-made, though its inmates  
are compelled to stoop except when  
standing in the centre, close to the  
pole. When purchasing a tent,  
have the door to lace up rather than  
to fasten with hooks and eyes.  
Should it be secondhand, see that  
any repairs which may have been  
made, are sound, and that the pole  
seating and crown are thoroughly  
sound.

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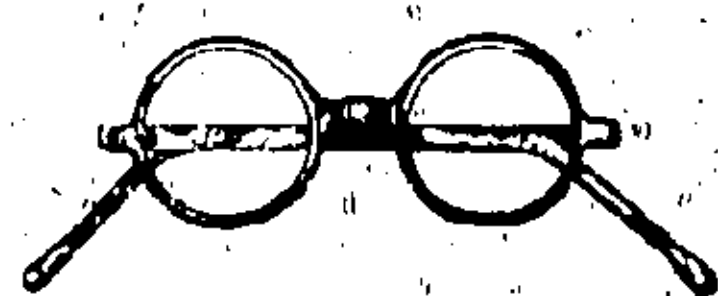
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## The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 1924.

### STRIKE FACTS.

Rarely has there been a more glaring example of strike malice than the Shamenee trouble. As the official report issued by the Shamenee Municipal Council clearly proved, the movement is entirely anti-foreign. None of the Chinese employed in Shamenee really wanted to strike and they would gladly resume work to-morrow if they were allowed. That the strike was nothing to the leaders of the case of the lukongs fully demonstrates. As everyone knows, agreement had been reached between the Municipal Council and the strike leaders upon all points except the reinstatement of the lukongs. The Council resolutely declined to take the lukongs back, rightly contending that these men had grossly betrayed their trust. The strike leaders thereupon

cynically suggested that the lukongs should be taken back technically, that is to say they were to be formally reinstated and later dismissed. This, as we have said, fully proved the strike leaders' disregard for the workers' interests. They only wanted the lukongs back in their old posts long enough for the grand victory parade, for which banners had actually been prepared once when settlement seemed certain. Their sole aim was to make the foreigners lose face as fully as possible. Further proof of this amiable intention was forthcoming yesterday in the message which the "Daily Bulletin" received from its Canton correspondent. According to this message the strike party is entirely in the hands of Canton's unemployed, and the Shamenee workers have actually been forbidden from speaking their minds under penalty of bodily hurt. Equally damning is the very able letter signed "Soli Doctor" which appeared in yesterday's "China Mail." Our correspondent wrote

that he had seen the strikers "leading away their recalcitrant brethren in chains under the nose of the city police, beating them the while with sticks." Then there are the insulting characters which the strike leaders are at liberty to display hounding down the foreigner. Therefore can it be said in the face of all those facts that the strike is not entirely anti-foreign in its motives, that the leaders' real object is not to humiliate the Shamenee's European community? Only the most bigoted could say yes to that question. Moreover, only the most bigoted could argue, in the face of these same facts, that the Canton authorities are not extremely culpable for openly conniving at the strike leaders' lawless proceedings.

### Jerry Building.

One has not to look far to find in the Colony eyecases which are standing memorials to the lax methods adopted by many contractors in the construction of buildings. Occasionally it is brought forcibly home to us that, besides being offensive to the eye, buildings erected on the "cheap as possible" plan are a continual source of danger to the people who are obliged to live in them. We have had instances recently in the collapse shortly after an outbreak of fire of a support which one might reasonably have supposed should have been the last thing to have given way; and more recently still in the complete collapse of several houses. It will be remembered that the collapse at the fire resulted in the death of a fireman and the injury of others. That the P.W.D. is alive to the danger is shown in the continual prosecutions which they conduct against delinquent contractors and the same applies to the Sanitary Board regarding sins of omission or commission which come under their domain. Yesterday, a number of contractors were charged at the Kowloon Magistracy with using welded bars in the reinforcement of houses in Portland Street, a practice which is so often attended with serious consequences that even such a busy official as the Building Authority felt it incumbent to make the journey to Yumati to press for the infliction of the maximum penalty. The danger of using small steel bars welded together into one instead of that of one complete bar is too obvious to need emphasizing in these columns and Mr. Wright brought it strikingly home when he said that one of the bars instead of being able to withstand a pressure of 30 pounds to the square inch would not stand one of two. Well might Mr. Hamilton draw the attention of the defendants to the fact that if the bars had not been detected, they might later have had to appear on charges of manslaughter. We agree with him that it is infinitely preferable that such people should be reached through their pockets before anything serious happens than that they should be prosecuted afterwards, although it is difficult to see how the P.W.D. can spare a staff of officials to inspect every bit of material put into a building.

Considerable prominence has been given this week to the International Bank case but there must be a large number of people who do not quite understand what the word "compradore" really signifies. To begin with there are the *hony* compradores, i.e., those employed by foreign import and export, shipping and banking houses. Their duty lies mainly in acting as the go-between for the European merchant and the Chinese traders. In this capacity they usually guarantee that the Chinese will fulfil their part of the bargain. A *hony* compradore is, often the keeper of the office cash. Then again there is another person who goes by the name of compradore and he is the terror of housekeepers. His business has practically nothing in common with the *hony* compradore except that he acts as a go-between for European housekeepers in that he assembles all they want from the market stalls. A lesser known man is the ship compradore. In reality he is a responsible storekeeper as his job is mainly to receive cargo on board a ship and deliver it to the consignees. He is paid for doing this but, as the cargo is in his custody, he assumes responsibility for any shortage. Also, he acts as an intermediary to the Chinese deck passengers.

The London "Morning Post" tells the following story: "An overseas visitor to London, in his reverence for Francis Thompson's poems, made a pilgrimage the other day to the Skiddaw Arms, Kilburn, where the author of *The Hound of Heaven* used to sit and dream by the fire in the saloon bar. The pilgrim, recalled its Francis Thompson associations to the landlord, who had never heard of him." "Poet!" said Boniface, decisively. "That sort of customer hanging about doesn't do a house any good."

"Among the great paradoxes of life come the companionship of solitude and the voice of silence. If Silence were pleased, then there must have been co-existence of silence and the song of the nightingale. So when we send the nightingale all over England and Scotland, to town and village, we are broadcasting something of the Silence which men unconsciously crave and so urgently require," writes J. C. W. Reith in the "Radio Times." "Silence is a purely relative term, but there must be some special and amazing quality in some of the vibrations we call sounds if they can be considered not incompatible with the sphere of the vibrations we cannot hear and accordingly call silence, or absence of sound. Our senses are painfully inefficient in their functioning—vast ranges of vibrations with things happening that we cannot get in touch with; and even within provinces of sight and hearing and touch we only attain to a symbolism of things as they are, until our limitations are removed and, symbolism unnecessary, we shall know as we are known. In the meantime, let us make the most of those symbols which tend to our peace."

A sale of old English and French furniture at Christie's realised £25,551. The chief amounts obtained were: A Louis XVI. Marqueterie secrétaire, £1,417 10s; Pair of Louis XV. ewers, £1,355; Suite of Louis XVI. furniture, a settee and six fauteuils, £1,207 10s; and a Louis XVI. small marqueterie table, £1,155.

Col. Herbert LATEST WILLS. Hall Mulliner, of Clifton Court, Rugby, and of the Albany, Piccadilly, W., formerly managing director of the Coventry Ordnance Works, left £500 to his secretary, Miss Taylor, £300 to his housekeeper, Sarah Radford if still in his service, £254,734.

Mr. John George Kincaid, of Westhorpe, 44, Newark-street, Greenock, engineer, head of Messrs. John G. Kincaid & Co., Ltd., left £7,000 to Greenock charities, £139,853.

Dr. Thomas Reid, M.D., of Balcastle, Lochmaben, Dumfries, £34,664.

Mr. Thomas McBean, of Hallow Park, Hallow, Worcester, iron and steel merchant and broker, left £500 each to Emily Garrett and Mary Silvester "for many years' faithful service" (net £21,695), £22,116.

Mr. Ronald Cox, of 2, Royal-park, Clifton, Bristol, leather merchant, £22,109.

When summer comes it is quite the correct thing to go out for tea in the garden. The Larkins family were seated under a tree on their lawn the other afternoon partaking of the cup that cheers but not inebriates, when the youngest of the family, Johnny, aged six, came running to his mother from the bottom of the garden, where he had been playing. "Oh, mummy," he cried, there is such a lovely green bird at the bottom of the garden!" "Is there, dear?" replied the mother with a fond smile. "What is it?" "I think it's a canary that's not quite ripe."

### To-day's Poem.

(There Are Some Wishes.)

There are some wishes that may start Nor cloud the brow nor sting the heart. Gladly then would I see how smiled One who now fondles with her child: How smiled she but six years ago; Herself a child, or nearly so. Yes, let me bring before my sight The silken tresses chained up tight, The tiny fingers tipped with red By tossing up the strawberry bed; Half-open lips, long violet eyes, A little rounder with surprise, And then (her chin against the knee), "Mamma! Who can that stranger be?" How grave the smile he smiles on me!

—W. S. Lander.

### WEATHER CALENDAR.

AUGUST 7.

1800. William composing in the morning. In the evening we walked to Mary Point. A very fine sunset. —Dorothy Wordsworth.

### ONE THING AT A TIME.

He who allows his application to falter, or shirks his work on frivolous pretences, is on the sure road to ultimate failure. Let any task be undertaken as a thing not possible to be evaded, and it will soon come to be performed with alacrity and cheerfulness. Charles IX. of Sweden was a firm believer in the power of will, even in youth. Laying his hand on the head of his youngest son, when engaged in a difficult task, he exclaimed: "He shall do it! He shall do it!" The habit of application becomes easy in time, like every other habit. Thus persons with comparatively moderate powers will accomplish much if they apply themselves wholly and indefatigably to one thing at a time.

—Samuel Smiles.

### SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised In The Mail.

### ENTERTAINMENTS.

August 7.—Coronet Theatre; "Forever."  
August 7.—The Star Theatre; "The Darling of New York."  
August 7.—World Theatre; "The Bachelor Girl."  
August 7.—Queen's Theatre; "The Broken Wing."

### PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

August 8.—Lamont Bros., at Sales Room, Duddell Street, wool yarn, opals, umbrella and singlet cloths, etc., etc., 11 a.m.

August 12.—Lamont Bros., at Sales Room, Duddell Street, postage stamps, 3.15 p.m.

### COMPANY MEETINGS.

August 14.—Second meeting of the Sundaek Light and Power Co., (1923) Ltd., at St. George's Building, Clatter Road, 11 a.m.  
September 16.—Extraordinary general meeting of The China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at the Registered Office of the Company, Pedder Street, noon.

October 3.—Second meeting of the China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at Co. S. Office, Pedder Street, noon.  
October 18.—Extraordinary General Meeting of Douglas S.S. Co., Ltd., at the Registered Office of the Company, 20 Des Vaux Road, Central, noon.

October 20.—Third meeting of The China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at Co. S. Office, Pedder Street, noon.

November 5.—Further extraordinary meeting of Douglas S.S. Co., Ltd., at 20 Des Vaux Road Central, noon.

### OTHER MEETINGS.

August 9-10.—Royal Hongkong Golf Club summer meeting.

August 14.—Extraordinary General Meetings of the Hongkong Jockey Club in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co., 5.30 p.m.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Russian Council at Tientsin was dissolved yesterday by order of the civil governor of Chihli. The council was informed that the former Russian concession would be administered by Colonel Ting.

The Weihaiwei season is now in full swing and despite dull and showery weather for the past fortnight all have had a fair share of amusement at golf, tennis and picnics. The water is so far much cooler than is usual at this time of year, but notwithstanding this there is generally a good assemblage at the Hotel beach between 11 and 12.

A message from Kure say that Japanese destroyer No. 4 grounded at the entrance of Beppu harbour early yesterday morning while taking refuge from a storm. The destroyer, which belonged to the thirteenth division was engaged with three others in night manoeuvres when the storm drove her in toward Beppu. She struck the rocks at the entrance and holed her hull. Salvage boats have been despatched to the scene.

Whilst proceeding from East to West along Des Voeux Road, in the vicinity of Pottinger Street, a taxicab which was following a tram, was run into by Lam Fat, a twelve year old Chinese girl of Gage Street, at 8 o'clock last night. The child had left the pavement intending to cross ahead of an Eastbound tram, and behind the Westbound, not observing the following taxi. She was thrown to the ground, but only received bruises and a grazed knee, which were attended to at the G.C.H., to which place the driver immediately took her.

### CHARGE WITHDRAWN.

GAS-FITTERS WHO BEAT UP CONSTABLE.

SQUEEZE IS ALLEGED.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Magistracy, this morning, the Police withdrew the charge against two gas-fitters of wounding a Chinese constable.

At a previous hearing, Sub-Inspecting Shaftain had stated that it was not likely that the Police would press the case as it appeared that the constable had been asking for trouble by going to the house of the defendants and demanding "squeeze." At the Central Magistracy this morning, Inspector Grant said that the C.S.P. although not approving of the methods adopted by the defendants (they attacked the constable with a chopper) was prepared to withdraw the charge. The constable will be dealt with departmentally.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

On the arrival of the "Empress of Australia" yesterday a report was made that a Chinese passenger had died during the voyage.

A Chinese, arrested on board the s.s. "Salem" is said to have stolen two revolvers and three 5 kronen notes. The "Salem" was lying at the Cosmopolitan Dock at the time.

Mr. A. Mc Nab, Chief Officer of the s.s. "Memnon," lying at Holt's Wharf reports to the Police that some one entered the forecastle of the ship yesterday and stole clothing and jewellery to the value of \$52.00.

Damage to the extent of \$75.00 is alleged to have been done to P.W.D. motor lorry (No. 825) as the result of a collision with a lorry belonging to the Tram Co., at Shaukiwan Road yesterday. The P.W.D. lorry was backing out of a quarry at the time.

As the result of a motor car accident in Morrison Hill Gap Road on Sunday in which a man was run over and fatally injured, the driver of the car (454), owned by the Hongkong Hotel Garage, was charged at the Central Magistracy this morning with manslaughter through negligent driving. Mr. Armstrong, for the defence, asked for a week's formal remand which was granted.

A coolie employed at the Kowloon Naval Dockyard, appeared at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning charged with theft of some solder. Mr. E. W. Spry, prosecuting, said that the stolen material was found in defendant's possession when he was searched on leaving the premises. Large quantities of material had been stolen in the last few months, witness said. Sentence of 3 months' hard labour was imposed.

### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Senor Zanni, the Argentinian filer, has reached Allahabad.

Lieutenant Wade and his companion are now definitely out of the world fight, says a Reuter message.

Mr. H. Birkett and Mr. C. G. S. Mackie were among the arrivals by the s.s. "Empress of Australia" yesterday.

Commdr. G. R. S. Watkins, of H.M.S. "Ambrose," will sail for London in the P. and O. liner "Devanha" on Saturday.

General regret will be felt that Hongkong is shortly to lose Mr. William Holt Gale. The American Consulate-General announces that he has been assigned as Consul-General for the United States of America to the Netherlands at Amsterdam.

Mr. Yu Wai-pan and a number of others interested in charity propose to hold a bazaar to raise funds for flood relief in Kwangtung Province. Articles will be collected within a week. The bazaar will be held in some new flats adjoining the "Tai Ping Theatre."

The U. S. Consulate-General would be glad to receive any information as to the present whereabouts of Mr. James Kelly, who is thought to have been in Shanghai last April and then to have resided at 118, Dixwell Road. His age is 44; height, 5 feet 9 inches; occupation, construction work.

### TYPHOON WARNING.

The American Consulate-General received the following cable from Manila at 8.40 this morning: Typhoon is about 110° Long E., 25° Lat. N., moving West. Typhoon is about 128° Long E., 32° Lat. N., moving N.N.W. Cyclone or Typhoon E. of Southern Formosa, filling up.

### NEEDY GHOSTS.

ANCIENT CHINESE CUSTOM.

COINS THROWN INTO STREET.

Dangers To Life And Limb.

Commencing to-day and lasting for over a week is the annual period in which the Chinese render burnt offerings to their dead. Each household or shop chooses one day in the period for the ceremony. Between five and seven in the evening, the offerings will be brought into the street and burnt. Immediately after this procedure copper coins will be thrown into the streets in the belief that they will reach the departed souls who require money to spend. The result is that crowds of street urchins wait at the bigger houses and shops, ready for the "fun" to begin. Their Wallingford tactics render them oblivious to the dangers of making a rugby scrum in the public streets. Piles of diminutive half-naked bodies will be seen writhing and struggling to gain possession of a few cents or cash.

Motor-traffic and richmen are held up until the funds are exhausted when the "grabs" make off to another hunting-field. The dangers attached to this need not be stressed. They have been mentioned nearly every year in the vernacular press but little seems to have been done to put a stop to this dangerous practice. There is another danger which may not have been noticed, which is that people who throw money sometimes leave the coins into the blazing heaps of offerings and boys have been seen to dive into the fire without the slightest hesitation. What satisfaction people get who do this can only be imagined.

The question of interfering with Chinese customs will assuredly arise if the worshipping is interfered with. This is not necessary, all that is required is a ban against throwing coins into the streets. The period of offering referred to above is entirely distinct from the "worshipping of tombs" ceremony, which falls every spring. At that time, the essence lies in the worshipping but at this time of the year it is the offerings that count.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

RAINS AND RUINS.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir,—The recent rain has undoubtedly proved too much for some of the old premises. The two houses (Eastern Street), which went down some two weeks ago, furnished us with a notable example. Unless precautions are duly taken, I am afraid that more of such cases may happen in the near future.

As this concerns public welfare, it lies, evidently, in the province of the P.W.D. to make close examinations about old buildings, especially theaetres and the like.

I beg to add, in conclusion, that if anything of this sort is to be done at all, it must be done as quickly as possible, as we are being threatened with typhoons.

Yours etc.,

"SAFETY FIRST."

Hongkong, August 3, 1924.

### CITY HALL LIBRARY.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir,—It is a shocking fancy having to wade through the pages of two thick books to find one's favourite author. Such was my experience on Friday morning at the City Hall Library when I tried to find a book by a certain author. I believe the only one of his kind there and of which I had forgotten the title. The person who recommended it to me had read it some months ago, and had naturally forgotten the title. What am I to do?

May I, sir, through the valuable columns of your paper, suggest to those in authority that another two catalogues be prepared with the names of the authors in alphabetical order? As it is, the titles of the books are arranged in alphabetical order and not in the least in a clear and systematic manner. Trusting that others will also come forward with their ideas, and thanking you for the valuable space you have given me.

Yours etc.,

A. BOOKWORM.

Hongkong, August 3, 1924.

### Their second Summer the

Hardcore. Nothing but hot weather make their second summer a trying time for little ones. Summer disease of stomach and bowels and infantile cholera may be quickly controlled and suitably relieved by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Easy to take in a little sweetened water. Always reliable. Available everywhere.



## BANK MYSTERY.

## I.B.C. CASE STILL BEFORE COURT.

## CASHIER UNDER FIRE.

An animated cross-examination of Mr. Norris Lowell Hodgkins, cashier, occupied the best part of the morning in the case in which the compradors of the International Bank, and his guarantor, are being sued by the Bank, acting for the insurance company, in respect of the disappearance of a sum of \$200,000 in notes from the Bank's vaults in September, 1922.

Counsel present were:—Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., instructed by Messrs. Deacons for the Bank; Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. Campbell Prosser, instructed by Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist for defendants.

Mr. Hodgkins continued his evidence from yesterday afternoon. When questioned as to the amount of room packets of different denominations of notes would occupy, Mr. Hodgkins explained that a bundle of 200 \$500 notes (a lakh bundle) would be about once again as thick as the Court bible. Mr. Potter intervened by suggesting that His Lordship, the acting Chief Justice (Mr. Justice H. H. J. Comper), visit the Bank where he would see how the vault worked, its ventilators from Lee House Street and bundles of all kinds of notes. When he visited the Bank he saw as much as a million and half dollars worth of notes there. (Laughter.) His Lordship promised to visit the Bank after working hours.

## Spoke to Mak.

Speaking as to the time when he actually discovered the shortage of \$200,000, Mr. Hodgkins said that he counted the contents of the safe in the vault in the presence of Mak (one of the compradors' shroffs).

Mr. Alabaster asked if witness said anything to Mak about the shortage and witness replied that he believed his exact words were: "You see what has happened?" but he could not say if Mak made any reply.

A second count was made and then members of the foreign staff went downstairs to the vault. A third count was made in the presence of Mr. Church and a fourth with Mr. Brockman present. On each occasion the shortage was confirmed. Mr. Courtney was sent for and he also satisfied himself as to the shortage. The comprador was not in the bank at the time but he returned in response to a telephone message. Mak was the only one present at the time of the discovery, the other members of the compradors' staff being in the bank.

## Expert Recalled.

Mr. J. Garway of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., an expert in Bank locks, who gave evidence yesterday, was recalled and was further examined by both Mr. Potter and Mr. Alabaster. In the course of his evidence Mr. Potter remarked that he hoped nobody could open the Bank's combination locks; Mr. Garway was the best man they had and he had admitted that he could not open the combination lock. (Laughter.)

Answering Mr. Prosser, cross-examining, Mr. Hodgkins said that all cash paid in passed through his hands. Sometimes the amounts were very large. He took great care and was cognisant of his heavy responsibility. He was in full control and worked under no supervision.

To a series of questions which Mr. Prosser put with great precision, witness replied that if he received money from the compradors for purposes like paying customers' cheques, he usually counted the money but felt that he was under no obligation to do so. But when money was put into the vault he counted each note and each coin.

Mr. Prosser asked if Mr. Hodgkins' instructions were to receive the cash from the compradors, to see that it was put into the vault and that the balance was correct. Witness made an indirect reply and Mr. Prosser referred him to a small book which had been mentioned many times during the hearing and had been spoken of as a book which was not one of the bank's books but was posted up to show the amount of "cash on hand." Mr. Prosser insisted on a definition of the "small book" and, after consideration, Mr. Hodgkins said that it was "a memorandum for the cashier and shroff of the amount downstairs of the safe."

Mr. Prosser also asked why witness initialled the entries and witness answered that he did so to signify that the entry was genuine. He had never asked the comprador to sign that book. He disagreed that his duty was to initial the book when the corresponding amount of money was in the safe.

In reply to a further question as to whether the Bank Manager re-

## TYPHOON IN JAPAN.

## KYUSHU SUFFERS MOST DAMAGE.

## FLOODS ARE SERIOUS.

(Reuter's Service.)

NAGASAKI, August 7. A typhoon has swept South Japan, including Kyushu and Formosa. Railway traffic everywhere is interrupted; the telephone and telegraph systems in Kyushu have been paralyzed for many hours.

Serious floods are reported in Taihoku. The damage to shipping is also considerable, but it appears to be confined to small vessels.

Neither Osaka nor Kobe were affected.

## "DARE-TO-DIE"

## PLATOON OF JAIL BIRDS FORMED.

## LATEST CANTON POSITION.

No mention has been made in any of the Canton vernacular papers of dissatisfaction and impending turmoil among the ranks of some of Dr. Sun Yat-sen's mercenaries. Nevertheless reports are still reaching Hongkong, as reported yesterday, that the secession of large numbers from his banner is not unlikely.

A very significant feature of the Canton political barometer is the unusual number of politicians and senior military officers who are travelling to and fro and passing through Hongkong. On the other hand, several well-known Chan Kwong-ming adherents have been known to have left for Swatow.

Passengers from Canton by last night's boat said that nothing is apparent on the surface at the capital of the Province, but apprehension is felt at the attitude of the Hunanese army which numbers about 25,000 rifles.

There is a report, hitherto unconfirmed, that prisoners in the jails of the magistracies of Nam Hoi and Pun U, the two metropolitan districts, are to be drafted as "dare-to-die" platoons for a determined assault on Watchow city.

## ARMS HAUL.

## "KITANO MARU'S" CARGO.

The pistols and ammunition seized on board the s.s. "Kitano Maru" on July 15, were confiscated at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Sergeant Kirby said that 11,000 rounds of automatic and 1,689 rounds of Mauser ammunition were found underneath the steering gear in the course of a raid carried out in the early hours of the morning. The ship was bound for Shanghai.

The Magistrate, Mr. E. W. Hamilton, gave the necessary order.

## MARINERS BEWARE.

## HAIHO RIVER SHOAL.

Notice has been given by the Tientsin Harbour Master that the Haiho has shoaled considerably about three cables above the village of Tsai Chia Chwang at the lower end of Tomb's Reach.

Under the present conditions, vessels drawing over 15 feet of water should not attempt to navigate the river.

cognised the book as a record or as "waste-paper." Mr. Hodgkins said that in his view the manager recognised it as waste-paper with memoranda on it. His usual practice was to initial the book after counting the money upstairs.

Mr. Prosser insisted that the "funny little book" was the very basis of the Bank's books. Witness refused to agree to this, but conceded that the Bank had no other book which gave the figures of the "cash in vault." Although he had initialled the entry on September 28, 1922, he was still not satisfied that some of the money had gone into the safe. Mr. Hodgkins explained his reply by saying that if he said he was satisfied, it would be equivalent to saying that the \$200,000 must have been extracted from the vault.

Producing another book in which were some of Mr. Hodgkins' signatures in full, Mr. Prosser asked if his signature meant that (1) the balance in the "daily cash balance" book agreed with the cashier's balance (2) witness had checked it in hard cash (3) found the amount of money correct, and (4) that the sum had been handed over to him.

Mr. Hodgkins said he could not answer the fourth part of the question as that was a matter for the compradors' agreement. (Proceeding.)

## SHAMEEN.

## PLAN TO 'BOYCOTT' NO FRESH NEWS.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

The strike situation has not changed the last day or two, and the committee in charge is soliciting the aid of the students for its publicity campaign for a boycott of Shameen. The committee asserts that the strikers will be able to hold out longer, as the public is not falling them in its contribution of financial support. The receipts of the committee daily are \$1,000 against an expenditure of \$400. The strikers, however, are complaining that they have not been accorded proper meals as expected.

The Cantonese as a whole are not anti-foreign, and the difficulty in Shameen could have been removed long ago, had the few Chinese merchants (who had been in informal conversations with leading members of the British Municipal Council regarding the revision of the traffic and police regulations in the foreign concession) been permitted to continue their work without threat from those desiring to have a finger in the pie.

As already pointed out, the political party behind the Canton regime is also behind this strike movement, directed at present by leaders who are also delegates to the labour conference of the Kuomintang Political Party. The publicity work for the strikers, as far as the publication in English in Canton is concerned, is directed by a secretary in the Canton Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other experienced help.

## UPSIDE DOWN.

## LATEST TRANPOSITION OF WORLD'S MUSIC.

## MUSICAL NOVELTIES.

European tunes played by a Chinese orchestra and Chinese tunes rendered on a brass band—were the feature of an auspicious gathering at the Lee Woo Restaurant, West Point, last night when the members of the Chinese Amateur Musical Association, Hongkong, were entertained to dinner by Mr. Tong Hsi-tang, comprador of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., the newly-elected president of the association.

A number of new members were welcomed to the society which has for its sole purpose the study of all kinds of music. Mr. Tong was supported by the two vice-presidents, Mr. Fung Shiu-wa and Mr. Wei Ming-kei.

It is understood that the association is shortly to give a special concert when both European and Chinese music will be discoursed by this highly competent band of amateurs, to raise funds for Canton flood relief.

## POMP IN PEKING.

## YUAN STATE COACH FOR COMRADE KARAKHAN.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Peking, August 7.—A cavalcade, consisting of the famous red and gold Yuan State Coach drawn by six black horses, with cavalry positions in blue full dress uniform, swept down Morrison Street shortly after 10 o'clock this morning and went by gentle stages up Bih Tiao Huang where it halted with a great flourish of trumpets, before the temporary home of the Russian Mission.

Mr. L. M. Karakhan came out of the Soviet Mission Courtyard and was greeted by the Grand Master of the Ceremonies from the Presidential Palace, Admiral Wan Kai-wei. Mr. Karakhan wore full evening dress. The cavalry guard-of-honour saluted and the standard-bearer dipped the flag of China. Mr. Karakhan entered the coach accompanied by the Grand Master of Ceremonies, and together they drove to the Palace. On arrival, a Chinese Band played the Soviet national air as the party entered the Jon Hall. Shortly after the President entered the hall, and Mr. Karakhan was then introduced by the Grand Master of Ceremonies. As they approached the dais Mr. Karakhan and his staff knelt three times, the President returned the courtesies, while the band played the Chinese National Anthem, and Soviet national air in turns. This was followed by the presentation of the Russian ambassador's credentials, which President Tsao Kun, not being able to read, handed over to Dr. Wellington Koo, who was assisting at the ceremony.

It is understood that Ambassador Karakhan sent a brief note to Dr. Schullman, acting Dean of the Diplomatic Corps asking for the transfer of the former Russian legation. It is believed that this will end the deadlock over the question.

## LANTAO ROBBERY.

## ARMED RAIDERS GET CLEAR AWAY.

## FURTHER PARTICULARS.

The robbery reported yesterday from Lantau island was part of a wholesale raid on Pak village by 15 men, who landed from the fishing boats, and engaged in free fight with the few men there were about. The raiders were armed with a revolver, several knives and other implements and the villagers appear to have had the worst of it, three receiving stab wounds and another being seriously injured as the result of being struck with an iron bar.

The whole village is said to have been ransacked and goods to the value of \$1,000 taken. The robbers got clear away.

## SCENE IN COURT.

## HAWKER CUTS HER THROAT.

## "INJURY ONLY" SLIGHT.

When a woman was fined \$3 at the Central Magistracy this morning for hawking fruits without a licence, she fell to the floor and was noticed to have a knife in her hand.

When got on to her feet she was found to have made an attempt to cut her throat but as the knife, one she used for cutting fruit, was far from sharp, the wound inflicted was found to be merely superficial. She was led from the Court and later taken to her home.

## MARINE COURT.

## BREACH OF HARBOUR RULES.

Three prosecutions, as the result of harbour contraventions, were heard by Lieut.-Commander G. F. Hole, R.N., sitting as Magistrate in the Marine Court this morning.

Pleading guilty to failing to observe the rule of the road at 4 p.m. on July 29, the master of the motor-boat "Lan Tau" was fined \$10. Complainant was the master of the Government steam-launch "Victoria."

For a similar offence at 11.20 a.m. on July 30, the master of the steam-launch "Tung On" who pleaded guilty, was also fined \$10. He was prosecuted by Sergeant Waller.

Sergeant Madgwick charged the master of the motor-boat "Sing Fook" with not having a certified engineer on board and the master was fined \$7.

## RUN AGROUND.

## VESSEL TOUCHES BOTTOM WITHOUT DAMAGE.

Aground for four hours at the east of the Hainan Straits was the fate of the s.s. "Yue Ying Wa" which arrived here yesterday. Ultimately she was floated off as the result of the tide coming in and there was no damage to either ship or cargo, and the vessel proceeded on her voyage without further mishap.

The "Yue Ying Wa" was on her way here from Hoihow. Messrs. Cheong Fat are the agents.

## POLICE IN COLLISION.

## LITTLE HARM DONE.

Whilst riding along Caine Road at two o'clock yesterday afternoon, L/Sergeant McEwan, in endeavouring to avoid a man coming from the Italian Convent, ran into the Indian Police constable on duty there and also knocked over the man first mentioned who sustained slight injuries. The constable received injuries to his legs. L/Sgt. McEwan was uninjured.

## MODERN ROMANEC.

## ANNIVERSARY OF HEAVENLY PRINCESS.

## "MILKY WAY" REUNION.

## Young Ladies' Day.

(Special to the "China Mail.")

For the last week or two, those who have passed up Wellington Street by Lyndhurst Terrace, must have noticed a marked increase in the number of girls and young ladies patronising the few stores there, the haberdashers. Many are of opinion that the crowds are attracted by the reductions that are being given by these shops. However, this is not the sole reason. The shops only give a special reduction once a year, during the week prior to this "festival" of the 7th night, when face powder and other goods used by the fair sex are purchased in great quantities, to offer as sacrifice to the Fairy Princess.

## For the Fair Sex.

To-day, the 7th day of the 7th moon according to Chinese calendar, is the day on which this festival falls. Although it is not one of the four chief festivals, it may properly be ranked among the festivities of minor importance, and is still strictly observed by the Chinese, especially by the young members of the fair sex. It is interesting to trace the origin of the festival.

## The Perfect Girl.

The belief is held that once upon a time, there lived on the east bank of the River in the Kingdom of Heaven, a weaver, a daughter of the Heavenly King. She was, as it is conjectured, very pretty and extraordinarily industrious, and had produced many a beautiful dress for her father. But, however, she led a rather solitary life. When she was of age, she was married, with the permission of the King, to a cowboy living on the west bank of the River. The marriage was all happiness, for they loved each other tenderly. But the princess had eventually become so lazy, that she entirely neglected her work, and weaved no more for her father. No doubt the King was enraged, and, as the story goes, the princess was commanded to depart from her husband, and was only allowed to cross the River—believed to be the "Milky Way"—to see her husband once a year, on the 7th night of the 7th moon. The date has since then been, and still is, observed in memory of, and in sympathy with, the unfortunate princess.

This is the only story recorded in connection with the festival; but how far it is true or how it came about, can only be conjectured.

## A Beauty Precept.

On the eve of the festival, after sunset, girls offer sacrifices to the fairy princess, which consist of face-powder and various paper imitations of articles for the use of ladies. A basin of water is generally put on the roof during the night, there to remain till dawn. It is a habit of the girls to wash their faces in this water which is said to have a beautifying effect.

It is also customary that girls, in the first year of their marriage, should return, on the eve of the festival, to their own people, there to perform a great ceremony, to bid adieu to the fairy princess." —K. H. Y.

## SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Joseph Gould & Co. kindly supply the following share quotations, ruling on the Shanghai market this morning:—

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## COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

E.E.A. &amp; C.T. CO.

The annual general meeting of the Eastern Extension, Australasia and China Telegraph Company Limited was held at Electric House, Moorgate.

Sir John Denison-Pender, G.B.E., K.C.M.G., (the chairman), said he was glad to say that the accounts submitted were satisfactory. It was true that, as compared with 1922 gross revenue showed a decrease of £166,795, but this was not as great as was anticipated at the beginning of the year under review. There had, however, been a sensible decrease in working expenses, mainly in cable expended on repairs, and in relief from the items of expenditure mentioned last year. The net decrease amounted to £50,285. The balance they had to deal with was £69,561, plus £38,683 brought forward, making a total of £1,062,244. They had placed £250,000 to the general reserve fund, and carried forward £412,244. Since 1913 they had laid 7,200 miles of new cable—namely, the Singapore-Hongkong, Colonbo-Penang (original and duplicate), Madras-Singapore and Singapore-Batavia (duplicate) sections—at a total cost of £2,158,370. They had acquired new offices at Adelaide, Melbourne, and Sydney; quarters for staff at several stations costing £528,387, and this had been done by augmenting the capital only to the extent of £1,000,000, the balance having been met from revenue. (Cheers.) The time having come to part with their cable steamer "Recorder," after forty years of excellent service to the company, the directors had made provision in the accounts for her replacement by placing to the maintenance ships reserve fund £100,000, which would be approximately the cost of oil-fuel vessel now being built by Messrs. Alexander Stephen and Sons, Glasgow. This vessel was expected to leave England for Singapore towards the close of this year. There had been a reduction of £33,863 in the expenditure on partial duplication and renewals of cables, which indicated that the arrears of such work had now been practically cleared off.

All their cables were in good order, and interruptions during the past year had been comparatively few. The sum of £75,717 had been debited to the general reserve fund as a capital loss on the abandonment of the Hongkong-Hai-phong cable. Having now three means of communication between Singapore and Hongkong—namely, one direct; one via Labuan, and via Cape St. James—the directors decided to abandon the Hai-phong connection, which had always been costly in maintenance. The complete duplication of their Singapore-Batavia section had not yet been effected; only a distance of seven miles from the shore end at Batavia remained to be completed, for which landing rights were still being awaited from the Netherlands Indian Government. No improvement had taken place in the condition of affairs in China, which unhappy country was still at the mercy of conflicting political parties. Under this state of affairs the country's financial position was in a grave condition. Her monetary obligations to the Great Northern Telegraph Companies had fallen into arrears, both as regarded payments on account of the cost of the Shanghai-Chefoo-Taku cables (which were laid by the companies in 1909), and in repayments of the loan of £500,000 granted to her by the companies in 1911. In addition to these obligations, China found it difficult to liquidate the balances due to the companies in settlement of the

## MURDER CHARGE.

CASE REMANDED ON CROWN'S REQUEST.

Tam Shan, the Chinese woman who is charged with the murder of her stepdaughter again appeared at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Mr. J. H. B. Nicholl said the Crown case was not yet completed and he would have to ask for a further remand. The Crown would be ready to proceed in about a fortnight's time.

Questioned by Mr. R. E. Lindsell, the Magistrate, said that he had no objection and the case was fixed for hearing on the afternoons of August 18 and 20, Mr. Lindsell remarking that there would be no need for the solicitors to appear next week.

current traffic accounts. The situation was being carefully watched, and such pressure as could be brought to bear was being exercised. The existing traffic and loan agreements were due to terminate on Dec. 31, 1930, and that relating to the above-mentioned cables on Dec. 31, 1925, subject to the companies having received by that date the full cost of the cables. With the support of the Foreign Office, negotiations had been carried on throughout the year with the Chinese Telegraph Administration, without, however, their being able to arrive at any definite conclusion. In reply to a shareholder's question as to wireless, the chairman said that the company had applied for a licence for Great Britain, and would have to wait for the Government's declaration of policy—which might now be announced at any moment—before anything further was done. With regard to India they had received a form of application for a licence, but upon terms which it was absolutely impossible for them to carry out. As to China, an arrangement was recommended at the Washington Conference in 1922 whereby four interested parties, Great Britain, the United States of America, France, and Japan, were to form an international wireless combination, in which this company was to be given a participation. After several discussions it was found impossible to come to an agreement, the main difficulty being a stipulation that the cable companies should undertake to maintain a higher tariff than the wireless company. The negotiations had fallen through. The report and accounts were adopted.

## MANCHESTER MARKET.

Messrs. Morreau and Spiegelberg's report of the Manchester Market, dated July 2, reads: Our last report was dated 25th June 1924.

Cotton.—The daily fluctuations leave American practically unchanged and Egyptian has lost about 2d. on the week. Liverpool prices.

Spot July Aug. Sept. Yesterday.....17.03 16.59 16.05 15.48

25th June 1924.....17.12 16.59 16.07 Egyptian Sakellaris F.G.F.

Yesterday.....23.05 21.10 20.70 20.33

25th June 1924.....23.60 21.27 20.82

Yarns. Prices are firm at rates the same as last week.

Cloth. There is much enquiry and a rather nervous tone is displayed by overseas buyers. Many markets have orders to place which must be booked at an early date if the requisite shipment is to be arranged. The Bureau Report which is due this afternoon is awaited with great interest.

Meantime rather more business has been booked during the last few days. Some buyers have decided, apparently, to make sure of at least a part of their wants being supplied.

India has bought fairly large quantities of light goods and China has also operated.

With spot at 17d. and January cotton at 14.39, buyers cannot be expected to operate largely. The Bureau report should remove some of the uncertainty.

The near East, Home Trade and South American markets are operating but the Straits and Java remain very dull.

## ACCIDENTAL.

ENQUIRY INTO DEATH OF LO MUK-LIN.

KILLED BY CAR 1327.

An inquiry was held yesterday afternoon at the Hongkong Magistracy, by Mr. R. E. Lindsell, (Coroner) and a jury into the death of Lo Muk-lin, 19 years, a Chinese lad who was knocked down by motor-car 1327 and killed about 10 a.m. on July 13 outside the Happy Retreat, at Happy Valley.

Dr. Minnett, Assistant Medical Officer, Government Civil Hospital stated that the deceased was admitted to hospital at 11 a.m., July 13, suffering from minor injuries and a fractured skull. He died at 9.15 p.m., July 14. Death was due to shock resulting from the injuries received. The body was identified by Lo Tang-chai at 10 a.m., July 15, at the Government Civil Hospital mortuary.

Chui Tak, licensed stallholder, No. 3, Wong Nei Chong Village, deposed that he keeps a stall on the side of the road outside the Happy Retreat. Between 10 and 11 a.m. on July 13 he saw a motor car coming along slowly; it knocked down a young man who was running across the road towards a heap of earth, empty handed. No other car was on the road at the time. The car in question pulled up quickly but deceased was below it.

Chui Lit, Messenger, Public Works Department, stated that about 10.20 a.m. July 13, he assisted his brother (last witness) and the deceased after the accident. Witness did not notice from what direction deceased came; he was carrying nothing at the time.

Ip Mu, a widow, 52, Wong Nei Chong, gave similar evidence.

Wong Chai, licensed motor car driver, residing at No. 8, Sin Hing Street deposed that car No. 1327, a six-seated Studebaker, belongs to Mr. Leung Chak-chun. About 10 a.m. July 13 he was teaching Leung Shing-hing, his master's son, how to drive. The youngster was at the wheel and he sat beside him. He saw a heap of earth on the left side and a young man carrying a bundle of firewood and running from right to left ahead of the car. He applied the hand brake and his pupil applied the foot brake simultaneously. The car could not be pulled up to a standstill as it was too late and the deceased was knocked down. It was raining at the time. Witness has been a chauffeur for two years. When he first saw the deceased, the car was about 3 yards distant from him. In his opinion the accident could not have been avoided.

After hearing the evidence the Magistrate remarked that the fatality was due to no fault of others but the deceased alone was to blame. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

## Y.M.C.A.

FURTHER MOVE TO AID POOR.

The steadily expanding work and influence of the Hongkong Chinese Y.M.C.A. in its various departments is well exemplified in its educational phase. In addition to its regularly conducted Day and Evening Schools, which the past term enrolled more than four hundred students, a Special Summer School for Boys is now being projected to meet the needs of students in various schools who are behind in their regular courses or who wish to review certain subjects. Seventy-eight students began enrolled in this school which began last Saturday and will continue one month.

The Hongkong Daily Vacation Bible Schools, sponsored by the Association, are now in session in the eighteen different parts of the Colony, with 135 volunteer teachers and nearly two thousand poor boys and girls enrolled.

The Popular Education Movement, which among other aims includes the teaching in a four-months' course of at least one thousand characters to the illiterate, is being promoted by the Association. Already three teaching centres—Wanchai, Causeway Bay and Kennedy Town—have been started, with more than a hundred enrolled, mostly adults who never before had the opportunity to learn to read and write. This movement gives promise of steady growth, and there is no doubt of the tremendous need of such right here in Hongkong.

In addition, the Y.M.C.A. promotes weekly educational lectures and clubs, dealing with a great variety of informative subjects along many lines, which in no small way make contributions for greater enlightenment among all, both young and old, who wish to improve themselves intellectually.

## FLOOD SUFFERERS.

THEATRICAL SHOWS IN AID OF FUNDS.

PERFORMANCES AT Y.M.C.A.

Reports recently received from the flooded districts in the province of Kwangtung and other parts of China tell of the loss of homes and the great need of food and other necessary supplies on the part of many thousands of people. This need is immediate and pressing and should be very quickly supplied.

The Y. M. C. A. is helping other organizations in Hongkong in raising money for the benefit of these destitute. Subscriptions in both large and small amounts are being received. As an additional means of raising funds, the following dramatic presentations will be given in the auditorium by the combined Theatrical Clubs of the Y.M.C.A.:

Thursday evening, August 7, at 7.30 o'clock—"The Miser," four acts. Friday evening, August 8, at 7.30 o'clock—"Meet At The End," four acts. Saturday evening, August 9, at 7.30 o'clock—"The Go-Between," four acts.

Tickets are now on sale at 50 cents and \$1 each for single performances. By attending these theatricals one will be helping a worthy cause and also will enjoy a pleasant entertainment.

## CHURCH HISTORY.

CLASSES AT Y.M.C.A.

A short course of weekly studies in "The History of the Christian Church" will be conducted, for men and older boys by the Y.M.C.A. Association beginning August 14. Classes in both Chinese and English will be held on Thursday and Saturday evenings from 7 to 8 o'clock. No fee will be charged and any man is welcome to attend. Among the advantages gained from a knowledge of Church history are the following: It supplements and makes clearer the study of the Bible; it helps drive away prejudices one may have against the Church; it makes for a greater understanding of the reasons for the existence of the "Body of Christ"; the history of the Church during the past 20 centuries is so closely interwoven with that of general history that a full knowledge of the latter is not complete without a knowledge of the former.

## BABY PEGGY.

FINE PICTURE AT THE STAR.

Children, whose opinion is always spontaneous and therefore entirely free from prejudice, are the cinema's most acute critics. Accordingly any picture that pleases the youngsters may be relied upon to please the grown-ups also. Such a picture is "The Darling of New York," now showing at the Star Theatre. Everything that delights the heart is to be found in this picture—comedy, mystery, pathos, romance, thrill. But perhaps its greatest appeal lies in the acting; for the principal part is played by Baby Peggy who makes her debut as a feature star. Through all her adventures as a little orphan child left to the buffing of fate, she remains the same winsome and appealing little artiste, alternately exciting anxiety or causing amusement as she runs terrible risks or applies the comic touch. How she becomes a wail of the streets; how she attempts to reform a gang of crooks; how she is entrapped in a burning building; how she narrowly escapes death only through a perilous rescue; and how she eventually finds happiness are all incidents in a capital story which must be seen in all its scenic richness to be appreciated fully. Certainly "The Darling of New York" is a great picture for children—a great picture for children of all ages.

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## TYPHOID.

FEWER CASES NOW.

In the Health Returns to-day, there was only one entry, a British case of typhoid.

The returns for last week show that 9 cases of typhoid in the Colony were notified during that period—6 in Victoria, 2 in Kowloon and 1 in the New Territory. Three were British cases, 6 Chinese, 1 German and imported. There was one death from the disease. The returns also show 4 cases of paratyphoid and one death from this cause. Three were British cases, 1 Chinese and 1 imported.

There were also 4 cases of cerebro-spinal fever last week, three proving fatal.

The number of typhoid cases is daily becoming smaller.

## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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THE 2ND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 14th August, 1924, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the 12 months to 30th April, 1924, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors. The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Thursday, 14th August, 1924, both days inclusive.

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## FLOODS IN NORTH.

LATEST NEWS FROM  
TIENTSIN.

## HIGH WATER LEVEL.

Tientsin, July 22.—The gravity of the flood menace now appears to be generally appreciated, although the Chinese authorities have still refused to act on the advice of the Technical Members of the Chihli River Commission, says the "Peking and Tientsin Times." The question which is being generally asked is when the floods will actually reach the Outer Dyke at Tientsin. To this it is impossible to give any answer. Most if not all of the waterways are dyked, in, and what happens in the immediate future must depend upon the precise spot at which these dykes are breached, or over-topped, by the floods. What the experts now hope, of course, is that the flood waters themselves will effect breaches in the dyke system at approximately the points at which they recommended that cuts should be made, opening a course for the floods to the sea well to the south of Tientsin.

It will be seen from the Chihli River Commission's communique below that the water at Ti Liu Pu has already risen higher than the 1917 flood level. Why it receded about an inch between 5 a.m. and noon, yesterday, instead of continuing to rise, is not yet clear. It is presumed that the Hsi Ho has broken its banks somewhere further south, which has temporarily stopped the rise of the water. The Hsi Ho is now discharging well into the Haiho, but not in sufficient volume appreciably to reduce the flood menace. The Haiho itself which has not been doing its full share towards relieving the situation since the Yungtingho broke its bank is now carrying off water at the rate of about 840 cubic metres per second. This is satisfactory, as far as it goes, but there is some danger now that the left bank of the Haiho may give way from erosion, at a point near to the Red Bridge, in which case an additional menace would be created.

The Chinese Authorities on Sunday, agreed to raise the level of the Tsingpu branch line to that of the Outer Dyke, of which it is in reality a continuation, but difficulties have since arisen in regard to the expropriation of the necessary land, and this additional protection cannot, therefore, be depended upon. The attitude of the Chinese, official and commercial, at a crisis such as this, is invariably difficult, and to the foreigner, quite incomprehensible. The attack upon Mr. Pincione in the "Ta Kung Pao" is an illustration. It will be remembered that the work which he is accused of carrying through in defiance of Chinese sovereign rights was originally to have been undertaken by the Japanese, who were prevented from doing it by the Chinese authorities, who eventually did it themselves. It is really incredible that a responsible body such as the Chinese Chamber of Commerce should have associated itself with an utterly ridiculous attack upon the Haiho Conservancy Engineer in this connection.

Water Nearly Over One Dyke. While the Chihli River Commission, in their bulletin published below, state that there has been a slight fall in the water level, the Chinese authorities report that in two rivers there is a rise to record. The Ying Ho has risen three inches, and the Tze Ya Ho 1½ feet. The water is only eight inches below the dyke at this point.

The villagers at Yang Liu Ching, which is the point affected, are naturally alarmed, and many of them yesterday began to move to the City in order to be out of the way of the burst which they consider inevitable. The Chinese authorities are alive to the gravity of the situation at the spot, but of course cannot foretell what will happen. The rise of 1½ feet took place mostly during Sunday night, and there was no noticeable increase yesterday afternoon. The hope is expressed that the maximum height has been reached.

The B.M.C. sent round a special warning yesterday advising householders to remove valuable articles

to upper storeys. Many residents have already acted on this, and in addition some have built up small walls in doorways, which together with the walls will suffice to keep out any flood not more than two or three feet deep in the Concessions.

As reported yesterday sandbags have been placed on the British Bund ready for use, and the French authorities also have a quantity ready, especially by the French Cathedral close to the British Barracks.

The Volunteer Corps was also warned yesterday to be in readiness to patrol dykes.

The Electric Power. A visit to the British Municipal Power Station yesterday revealed the fact that elaborate precautions had been adopted to ensure the continuance of the electricity supply, even if the floods enter the Concession. A Dyke of sacks filled with earth and lime, five feet high, and five feet wide, surrounds the Power House, protecting it from any floods which do not rise above a 19 feet level. Powerful pumps are in readiness to cope with any water that may seep through this barrier. The transformers in the sub-stations have been raised above the anticipated flood level, and if they should be put out of commission, arrangements have been made to eliminate the high-tension mains altogether, and transform the current to the lower voltage, within the power station itself.

The Concession Dykes. Work on raising and strengthening the Inner and the Weitz Dykes still continues in the British and ex-German Concessions. Little progress, however, appears to have been made in the project of dyking in the French Concession from the Bund to the Weitz Dyke, with a view to enclosing the British, French, and ex-German areas.

There has been such an unanticipated demand for gunny-bags for dyking purposes that they are now difficult to obtain locally. Many hongs and residences now have a supply of earth-filled sacks ready for emergencies.

Precautions have been taken at the Race Course itself, where a low, gunny-bag dyke has been prepared across the main approach, raising it to the level of the surrounding embankments.

It is to be feared that even if the dyke system surrounding Tientsin keeps out the floods at the first onset, we shall pass through a prolonged period of anxiety. As stated yesterday, in normal years the rainfall in August is little less than that in July. It does not necessarily follow that because we have had abnormal rainfall in the first three weeks of July we have come to the end of the rainy season.

Various rumours have been in circulation regarding the intentions of the Provincial Authorities. They are said to have decided to cut various dykes at different points, when certain levels have been reached. This is all very well, but when expert advice is sought or tendered, it is dangerous to leave the decision in the hands of amateurs, who however well intentioned, may do precisely the wrong thing. The cuts recommended on Saturday might reasonably be expected to get the floods away to the sea without imperilling Tientsin. If cuts are made elsewhere, after the water has risen still further, the very catastrophe which it was sought to avert may be brought upon us.

## THE BACHELOR GIRL

The World Theatre is now showing a "beautiful picture" in nine reels. It is based on the famous romances by Victor Marguerite, adapted to the screen by Armand Du Plessy. The scenes of the Café de Paris shows that the City of France is again alive but with greater splendour. At the Café Napoleon, the Vandeville, both famous palaces of joy are seen elegant and divine figures whose movements are full of art and charm. It is one of the most attractive pictures ever produced on the screen.

## HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

CHINESE YOUTH  
COMMITTED.

After further evidence had been given at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon in the case in which a Chinese youth is charged with robbing a woman on the Tsuan Wan Road on the afternoon of July 30, the defendant was committed for trial at the next Criminal Sessions.

A Chinese detective gave evidence of finding a felt hat with a blue jacket rolled up inside it concealed in bushes near the spot, where the defendant was arrested by villagers who had heard of the robbery and found the man with a basket which answered to the description of the one which had been stolen. In the pockets of the jacket were found 44 copper cents, four keys and a whistle, all of which the complainant said were her property.

Sub-inspector Hutchings said that the defendant admitted that the hat and coat belonged to him when he was charged at the Police Station.

Defendant's explanation to the court was that he was with a friend, when they met the woman and it was on his friend's instigation that he took the basket with the pineapples. When he got away with them he found the cents inside. The whistle and keys were given him by the other man, he said.

## WHO'S WHO.

Mr. J. P. de Freitas, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Sunning."

Mr. C. S. Rushton, from leave, has gone second officer, "Tea."

Mr. W. G. McKenzie, chief officer, "Tea," has gone chief officer, "Kwangtung."

Mr. J. Beck, chief officer, "Kwangtung," is on reserve.

Mr. A. V. Anderson has been appointed second officer, "Kalgan."

Mr. J. N. Beach, second officer, "Kalgan," has gone second officer, "Chusan."

Mr. C. P. Miller, chief officer, "Tientsin," has gone acting master, "Kwchow."

Mr. W. L. Thomas, chief officer, "Chongtong," has gone chief officer, "Shansi."

Captain F. A. Lovegrove, of the "Kwchow," is on leave.

Mr. L. Evans, second officer, "Shantung," has gone acting chief officer, "Yingchow."

Mr. G. A. Ellis, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Shantung."

Mr. H. E. Jones, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Wenchow."

Mr. D. Wilson, second officer, "Wanchow," has gone second officer, "Chili."

Mr. B. A. Murrable, second officer, "Chili," is on reserve.

Captain J. S. G. Brown, of the "Chingking," is on reserve.

Captain T. G. Beer, from reserve, has gone master, "Chingking."

Mr. A. Pye has been appointed third engineer, "Fu-kwang."

Mr. J. M. Brackbridge, second engineer, "Hsin Peking," has gone second engineer, "Tientsin."

Mr. C. J. Grompton, second engineer, "Hsin Peking," has gone second engineer, "Hsin Peking."

Mr. D. M. Matheson, second officer, "Nansang," has gone second officer, "Luesang."

Mr. H. A. P. Meik, second officer, "Luesang," has gone second officer, "Nansang."

Mr. H. S. Hurley, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Chipsing."

Mr. J. M. Meikle, chief officer, "Chipsing," is on reserve.

Mr. C. J. Arnot, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Yuen-sang."

Mr. A. F. Johnson has been appointed chief officer, "Phanung."

Mr. C. S. Robb, chief officer, "Phanung," is on reserve.

Mr. G. Wilson, chief officer, "Kwangping," is on reserve.

Mr. W. Sudbury, chief officer, "Kwangping," has gone chief officer, "Kwangping."

Mr. A. J. Wilson, supply second officer, "Kwangping," has gone second officer, same ship.

Mr. W. E. Costain, second officer, "Kwangping," has gone acting chief officer, same ship.

Mr. H. F. Henley, third officer, "Kwangping," has gone supply second officer, "Kwangping."

Mr. J. Shiel, second officer, "Kwangping," has gone second officer, "Kwangping."

Mr. W. W. Armes has been appointed third officer, "Kwangping."

## BRITISH FLIERS.

DETAILS OF MACLAREN'S  
DISASTER.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, August 6.

Details of Squadron Leader MacLaren's accident, which compelled him to abandon the world flight, are contained in a wireless message received from the trawler "Thiopval," on which MacLaren and his companions are travelling to America.

The message states that after leaving Petropavlovsk they encountered a very dense fog en route to Behring Island and were compelled to fly low over the water in order to see their way.

The plane was travelling at a hundred miles an hour, a hundred feet above the ocean, with a visibility of only a hundred yards.

The pilot was blinded by the fog, nevertheless he managed to swerve to avoid, by two feet, an island, which suddenly loomed up and disappeared a few seconds later.

Thereafter the fog became solid with absolutely no visibility whatever. There was a constant danger of the plane crashing into the cliffs of Behring Island, and it was, therefore, decided to make a forced landing.

As the machine came down upon the water it hit the swell, with the result that the top wings were shattered and wrenched off, the fabric of the lower part of the wings being torn off, and other serious damage done.

## NO TEARS SHED.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, August 6.

News of the break-up of the Anglo-Russian Conference has caused no surprise, and has not evoked much regret. It has even been received with gratification in some quarters.

## IRISH PROBLEM.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, August 6.

At a late hour the "Times" Dublin correspondent telegraphed that as a result of great pressure by Mr. J. H. Thomas, the Irish Free State Government had agreed to the postponement of the second reading of the Imperial Parliament of the amending bill in regard to the Constitution of the Boundary Commission, until after the recess.

## GERMANS IN LONDON.

## MAKE GOOD IMPRESSION.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, August 6.

A very good impression was created by the German Delegation at the first meeting with the Plebiscite Conference. Herr Marx delivered a speech, which was regarded as tactful and conciliatory.

It is learned that the covering letter of the German reply presented at the Allied Conference this morning, urges that the questions of military evacuation and the Rhineland railways, which the Conference has not dealt with, ought to be discussed. It is understood that these matters are now being examined outside the Conference by Allied representatives.

FRANCE PRESS COMMENT.

Paris, August 6.

The French papers are pleased at seeing that at the first meeting of the German and Allied delegates there was displayed a spirit of goodwill. They particularly remark upon Mr. Ramsey MacDonald's firm speaking to the Germans and upon the German's avowal that they themselves wish for an understanding with a view to putting the Dawes plan into execution.

## CHARABANC. DISASTER.

## SEVEN KILLED.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, August 6.

Seven women and children were killed and ten seriously injured in a charabanc smash in Worcester-shire. The vehicle was descending a hill and got out of control. It crashed into a stone wall. The occupants were hurled in all directions. Comparatively little hope is entertained for the recovery of the injured.

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## NAVAL FUNERAL.

IMPRESSIVE SCENE AT  
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The funeral of the late Warrant Engineer John Fraser, of H.M.S. "Ambrose," whose death followed a heart attack whilst bathing on Tuesday, took place at 4.45 p.m. yesterday, the body being interred in the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley.

The cortege left the Naval Hospital at 4.15 p.m., the coffin, mounted on a gun carriage, and covered with the Union Jack, was drawn by members of the deceased's ship's company, while a firing party of 12 men under an officer was in attendance.

As mourners, all ships of the British Squadron in harbour, sent parties of blue-jackets, whilst the deceased's messmates were all present, as were most members of the ship's company, of H.M.S. "Ambrose," not detained by service exigencies.

In the cortege also were Commodore H. E. Grace, Paymaster Lieut. Comm. R. E. Worthington, the Commanding Officers, and Warrant Officer representatives of all ships of the Squadron. Many other officers were also in attendance. The Army was represented by a Warrant Officer from each serving regiment.

The service was conducted by the Revd. J. H. Johnston, of the Union Church, Kowloon, and as the body was lowered into the grave, three volleys were fired and the Last Post sounded.

Amongst the many floral tributes sent, which included wreaths from all departments of the ship, in which deceased served, those from the following were noticed: Commodore H. E. Grace, Captain and Officers, H.M.S. "Hollyhock," Dockyard Recreation Club, Ward Room Officers, H.M.S. "Tamar," Warrant Officers and Warrant Officers of H.M.S. "Tamar" and Dockyard, Warrant Officers and Sergeants, 1st Battalion, East Surrey Regiment, Warrant and N.C.O.'s of the Garrison Sergeant's Mess, W.O.'s and Sergeants of the R. A. Royal Naval Yard Police.

## "FOREVER."

Showing again at the Coronet Theatre this evening is the big Paramount film, "Forever" which is the screen version of George du Maurier's very popular novel "Peter Ibbotson." Wallace Reid and Elsie Ferguson head a notable cast.

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Mrs. Annie C. Bill, of London, who has founded a new Christian Science Church, independent of the mother church, the First Church of Christ Scientist, Boston, Mass. This church was formed by a "dissenting minority" who resigned from the mother church as a result of the recent litigation. Mrs. Bill is a well-known Scientist and she will divide her time between Boston and London, until the American Church is firmly established.



Dr. F. J. Wall, of Sheffield, University, who has applied for a patent for his "death ray," which he claims can stop the flight or running of any sort of machine, and can even snuff out a human life. He points out that unlimited power is not necessary; all that is needed is the amount of current to provide the sudden shock that will snap human nerve cords and machine parts and cause cessation of activity.

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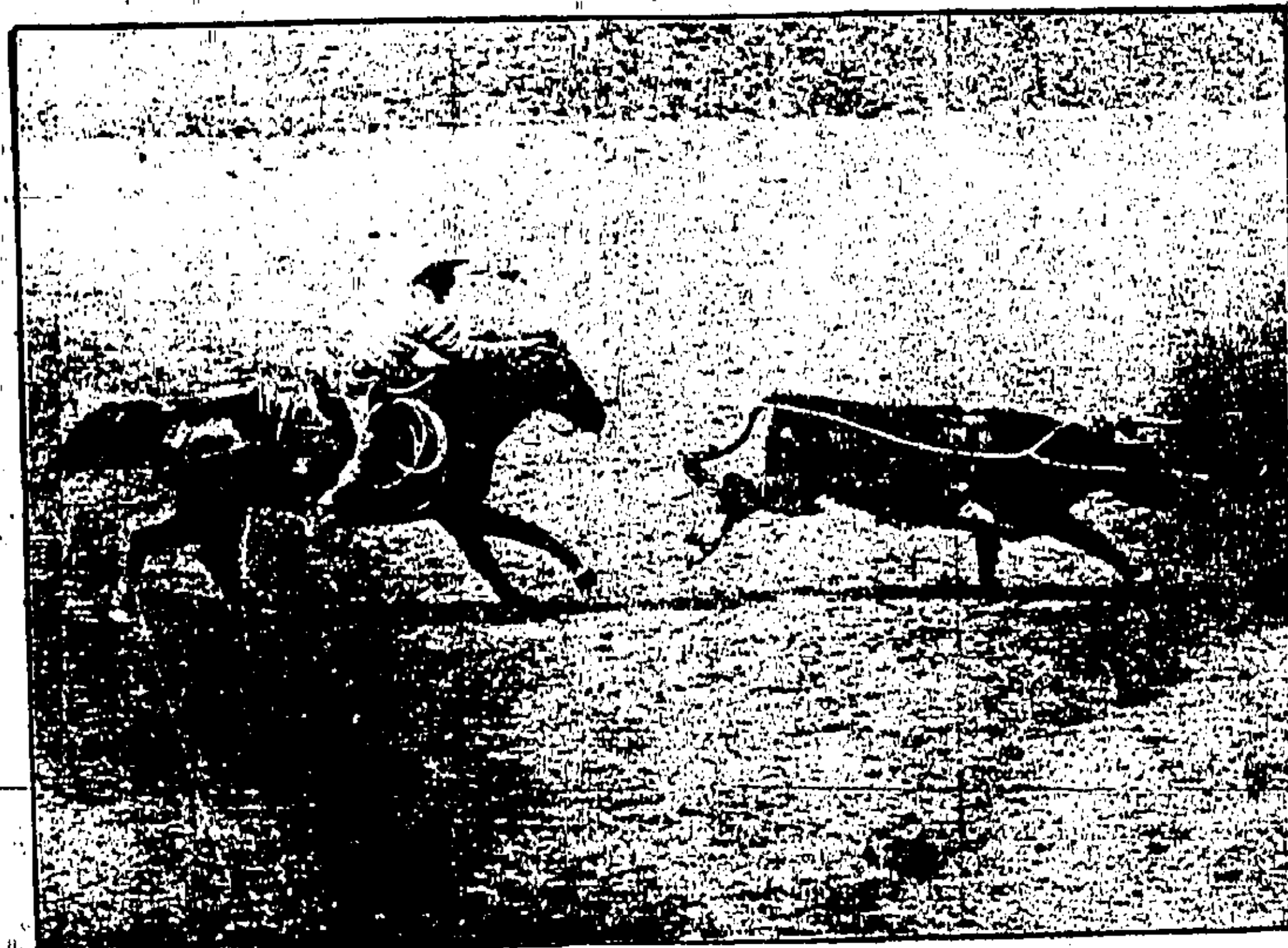


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Mrs. James Ferguson, who is fighting for the vindication of her husband at the hands of Texas voters. The wife of the former Governor has launched her candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Governor. Mr. Ferguson was impeached by the State Senate in 1917, at the beginning of his second term. This is the first time in the history of the United States that a woman has aspired to the office of Governorship.



Prof. Stewart MacAlister, well known British explorer, now in the Holy Land, who has broadcast to the world of his latest discoveries which dates back from 2,000 to 3,000 years B.C. He has unearthed walls which show the first outpost bastions of the city of Jerusalem of Biblical times, and also a vast amount of weapons and utensils which show a siege of the city before the time of Abraham, of which there is no mention in the Bible.

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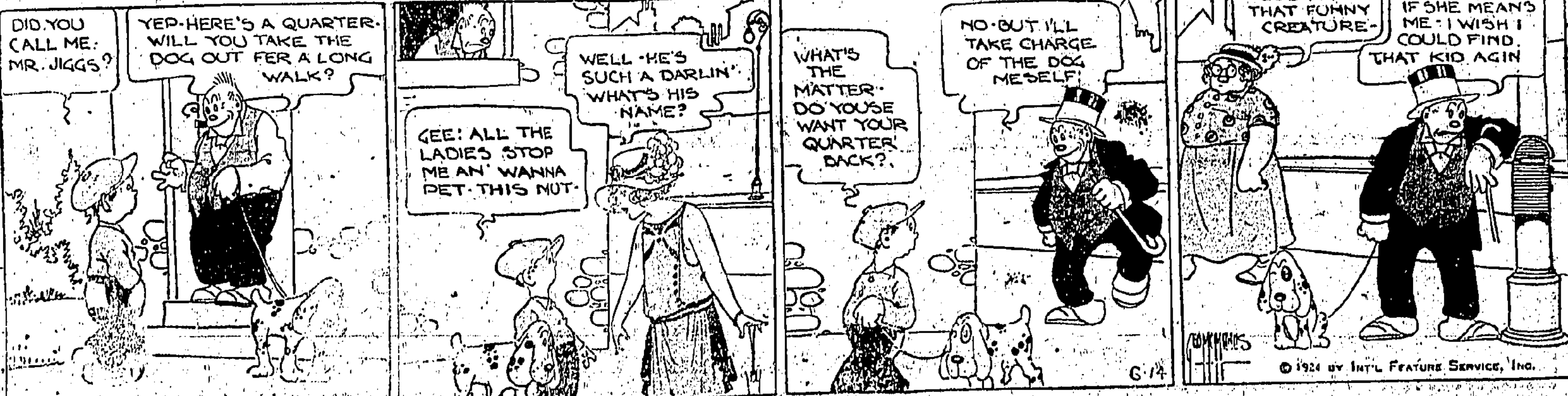
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